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SUBJECT: BORBA AND DELO ATTACK LC EXTREMIST OPPONENTS
OF FOUR LJUBLJANA PROFESSORS

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1. FEB 19 BORBA COMMENTARY ON SITUATION AT LJUBLJANA
UNIVERSITY SUPPORTS SLOVENIAN LC CC CRITICISM OF FOUR
LJUBLJANA PROFESSORS, BUT BALANCES THIS WITH CRITICISM OF
CALLS FOR MORE EXTREME MEASURES AGAINST FOUR THAN OUSTER FROM
LC AND TEACHING POSTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. COMMENTATOR DESCRIBES SLOVENIAN LC EFFORTS AS
AIMED AT ELIMINATING "EXTREME VIEWS EMERGING ON OCCASION, WHICH ARE
EXPRESSED IN INDIVIDUAL OPINIONS THAT STRICTER MEASURES
SHOULD BE APPLIED TOWARD CERTAIN PERSONS ON THE FACULTY"
(FOR SOCIOLOGY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND JOURNALISM). THESE
OPINIONS REPRESENT INSUFFICIENT UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION
AT THE FACULTY, BORBA SAYS, AND INCLUDE SOME
WHOSE REAL INTENTION IS TO PRESENT "NORMAL DEMOCRATIC
SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS AS A 'WITCH HUNT' AND
THUS DISCREDIT THIS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY AND USEFUL POLITICAL
DRIVE".

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3. FEB 18 DELO EDITORIAL, IN SIMILAR CRITICISM, BALANCED ATTACK ON "BOURGEOIS MEDIA" REACTION TO LC DRIVE WITH CRITICISM OF "SUPPORTERS OF DOGMATIC TREND IN MARXISM". FORMER SEE LC ACTIONS AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF VICTORY OF IDEOLOGY OVER FREEDOM OF SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY. LATTER SEE THESE SAME ACTIONS AS "CONFIRMATION OF CORRECTNESS OF THEIR PREVIOUS ERRORS, I.E., THAT MARXISM HAS NOTHING TO LEARN FROM SCIENTIFIC EXPERIENCE AND RESEARCH, THAT SCIENCE SHOULD RATHER BE LACKEY TO POLITICS, SERVING THE BUREAUCRATIC INTERPRETATION OF THE WORLD AND BUREAUCRATIC DESPOTIC INTERESTS". DELO COMMENTS THAT INABILITY OF EITHER GROUP TO CHANGE "ONLY PROVES HOW CLOSE THE TIES ARE BETWEEN THEIR IDEOLOGY AND INTERESTS - INTERESTS CONCERNED WITH PROPERTY AND POWER".

4. COMMENT: ROUGH HANDLING OF MORE EXTREME CRITICS OF LJUBLJANA DISSIDENTS IN THESE TWO COMMENTARIES IS UNUSUAL, BUT SEEMS INDICATION THAT LC LEADERSHIP DOES NOT WANT TO LET CURRENT DRIVE ON PRAXIS-AFFILIATED DISSIDENTS DETERIORATE INTO GENERAL WITCH HUNT. "DOGMATIST" LABEL AND CONNECTION WITH FREQUENTLY ATTACKED "BOURGEOIS MEDIA" BY THEMSELVES SHOULD BE WARNING TO EXTREMISTS WITHIN PARTY RANKS. TOON

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